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SUBJ: NEW TENNECO AGRICULTURAL PROJECT ANNOUNCED
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1. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 8 THAT 250,000 FEDDANS (ONE FEDDAN EQUALS 1.038 ACRES) HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO TENNECO FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RAIN FED FARMING IN BLUE NILE PROVINCE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO TENNECO'S INTEREST IN LARGE PUMP SCHEMES IN NORTHERN SUDAN AT AL-SALEIM AND DONGOLA.

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2. AS PREFEASABILITY STUDIES WERE PREPARED FOR TENNECO'S LARGE NORTHERN SUDAN PUMP SCHEMES, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT SOIL CONDITIONS WERE NOT SUITABLE FOR LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, IT APPEARED THAT FINANCING DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED FOR BOTH PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED INFRESTRUCTURE.

3. THERE ARE NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGES TO NEW PROJECT TENNECO IS NOW CONSIDERING. CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RAIN FED AREAS ARE ONLY ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THOSE REQUIRED FOR IRRIGATION. SOIL CONDITIONS IN BLUE NILE PROVINCE ARE MUCH BETTER AND INFRASTRUCTURE, PARTICULARLY IN TRANSPORTATION, IS MUCH MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED. ALSO, IN THE SAME AREA THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER PROJECTS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND SCOPE. DETAILED FEASABILITY STUDIES ON ONE OF THESE SIMILAR PROJECTS, THE DAMAZIN AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK COMPANY, WERE ENCOURAGING

AND PRIVATELY FINANCED WORK ON THAT PROJECT HAS STARTED.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE TENNECO'S NEW PROJECT HAS MUCH GREATER CHANCE OF BEING IMPLEMENTED THAN THEIR EARLIER PUMP SCHEME. TENNECO HAS SHOWN SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN SUDAN'S AGRICULTURE AS DEMONSTRATED BY PUBLICITY THEY ISSUED IN MARCH 1977 ABOUT THEIR DONGALA PROJECT AND BY THEIR CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ASSUMING CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE SUDAN-U.S. BUSINESS COUNCIL. BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE SCHEME AND THE IMPORTANCE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ATTACHES TO DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RELATIVELY ECONOMICALLY NEGLECTED AREA (HIS FAMILY IS FROM DONGOLA), WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE TENNECO PROCEED WITH A VERY SMALL SYMBOLIC AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN DONGOLA AREA. AT THIS POINT, TENNACO PROBABLY DOES NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY ABOUT THEIR NEW PROJECT BECAUSE INVESTIGATION AND STUDIES HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN STARTED. HOWEVER, SUDANESE INTEREST WILL BE FOR MAXIMUM PUBLICITY.

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